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--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the 1st paragraph on page 7, lines 1-17, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3B illustrates the case of initially thinning a ceramic capacitor with an attached electrode. In fact, ceramic capacitors may have end terminals 35 of a material incompatible with the metallization which will be applied during the step of redistributing the terminals (step 15 described below) and which is fixed by chip terminal metallization technology. It may thus be necessary to process the thinned capacitors with non-oxidizable metals or alloys (for example gold or gold-palladium). In the exemplary embodiment described in Figure 3B, electrodes 39 in the form of a strip or wire are bonded to the end terminals 35 by means of conductive adhesive 38 (for example containing silver) or by brazing. After thinning (cut C), the non-oxidizable electrodes 39 have sections 391 which can fulfill the function of terminals 221 of the passive component (Figure 2A).